

Proposed General Plan Update Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions



Quality Neighborhoods

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Vibrant, Attractive and Complete Neighborhoods

Goal QN - 1 Develop new and preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods to be vibrant, attractive and complete.

QN-1 Vibrant, Attractive and Complete Neighborhoods Policies

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| Policy QN-1.1 | Include services and facilities within each neighborhood to meet the daily needs of neighborhood residents. At least TBD% of all San Jose residents should live within a ½ mile walking distance of schools, parks and retail services. |
| Policy QN-1.2 | Maintain existing and develop new community services and gathering spaces that allow for increased social interaction of neighbors, (i.e. parks, community centers and gardens, schools, commercial areas, churches, and other gathering spaces). |
| Policy QN-1.3 | Encourage the development and maintenance of compatible neighborhood retail and services within walking distance of residences as a means to promote the creation of “complete” neighborhoods. |
| Policy QN-1.4 | Encourage the location of full service grocery stores within or adjacent to neighborhoods that do not have good access to healthy foods. At least TBD% of all San Jose residents should live within a ½ mile walking distance of a full service grocery store. |
| Policy QN-1.5 | Distribute neighborhood-oriented services and facilities equitably throughout the city’s neighborhoods, to the extent feasible. (San Jose 2020 GP) For specific policies related to City services and facilities refer to the Public Facilities and Services section of this Plan. |
| Policy QN-1.6 | Continue to work with neighborhoods on the planning and provision of City services and facilities to meet the specific needs of the given neighborhood. |
| Policy QN-1.7 | New development should be designed to contribute to the positive identity of a neighborhood, encourage pedestrian activity and produce a positive urban environment. |
| Policy QN- 1.8 | New development within neighborhoods should enhance the public realm, provide for direct and convenient pedestrian access and visually connect to |

the surrounding neighborhood. As opportunities arise, improve existing development to meet these objectives as well.

- Policy QN-1.9 Promote the preservation of positive character defining elements in neighborhoods, such as architecture; design elements like setbacks, heights, number of stories, or attached/detached garages; landscape features; street design; etc.
- Policy QN-2.0 Protect residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of incompatible activities or land uses which may have a negative impact on the residential living environment. (San Jose 2020 GP modified)
- Policy QN-2.1 Public and private development should be designed to build upon the vital character and desirable qualities of existing neighborhoods.
- Policy QN-2.2 Encourage the maintenance of private property within the city's neighborhoods, and enforce the City's codes related to blight as necessary.

QN-1 Vibrant Attractive and Complete Neighborhoods Actions

- Action QN-2.3 Continue to work with community and neighborhood groups on the development and implementation of policies and initiatives to enhance community identity and to foster pride in the neighborhood.
- Action QN-2.4 Develop and implement policies, design guidelines and regulations to facilitate the development of small scale neighborhood serving retail in appropriate locations within or adjacent to existing neighborhoods.
- Action QN-2.5 Develop and implement policies, design guidelines and regulations to promote the preservation of positive character defining elements within neighborhoods.

Community Empowerment

Goal QN-2 Empower communities to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods

QN-2 Community Empowerment Policies

- Policy QN-2.1 Proactively engage neighborhood groups in the decision-making process as a regular component of City government activities. (San Jose 2020 GP)
- Policy QN-2.1 Continue to abide by the City's Community Outreach Policy and update, as needed, to reflect changing technology and improved techniques.

Policy QN-2.2 Ensure that the community has opportunities to provide input on the design of public and private development within their community.

QN-2 Community Empowerment Actions

Action QN-2.3 Continue to work with neighborhood and community leaders to educate them on the City's decision making processes and to empower them with the knowledge to participate in these processes.